

Editor's Corner

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An end-of-term look back

As I approach the end of my term as the newsletter editor, I wanted to reflect back on the past 6 years. From a personal point they have been truly amazing.

My oldest son has grown from a wild mischievous toddler, to a slightly less wild, stupendous, goofy, funny, second grader. My twins were not even an eye twinkle at the time I accepted this position, and now they are outrageous 3 year olds. The amount of trouble they can innocently create does not simply double, it increases exponentially.

They are now at an age where they discuss and plan their next bit of activity, sometimes with wonderful results and other times...well...



One Saturday morning we were awakened at about 5:30 am, when they decided to visit Mr. Fluffy, our Guinea Pig, in my oldest son's room. They had both stood on the drawers of his chest of drawers, thus pulling it and Mr. Fluffy's cage down on top of them. Luckily all boys and the guinea pig were unhurt, although the room was covered in guinea pig bedding, poop, food, water and of course formerly clean clothing from his drawers.

The SPA has also grown and expanded during this time and has truly become an organization that we can be even more proud of. Those members in leadership positions have worked hard behind the scenes to improve almost every aspect of this organization. I feel both blessed and humbled to have had so much support from all the truly outstanding people with whom I've had the opportunity to work. All of the Assistant and Associate Editors over the past few years have made this newsletter what it is. I hope that I leave it at least as good as it was when I took over and hopefully better. It has been such an honor to get to know and work with the President, Past President and Board of Directors. I want to thank everyone who has given me the opportunity to do this; but most importantly, I hope that the SPA membership found the newsletter to be both educational and informative. I have really enjoyed my tenure as the Newsletter Editor and although I am still planning to do at least the next issue I did want to take the time now to thank everyone heartily. Hallie Townsend, from SPA's headquarters office, has been the glue that has held this newsletter together, but she has now moved on to other ventures. Beverly Bernard, and most recently, Ray Hall have ably replaced her. My thanks to all of them for working so tirelessly.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Chicago at the SPA/ASA meeting. Please remember that this is your newsletter. We always welcome people to contribute, and only YOU can make it better.